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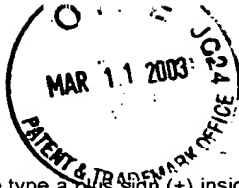
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18. (New) A method of reducing degradation of an oligonucleotide on an array during fabrication of said array, said fabrication comprising
- generating a pattern of light and dark areas by selectively irradiating at least a first area of a surface of a substrate, said surface comprising immobilized nucleotides on said surface, said nucleotides capped with a photoremovable protective group,



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